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SUBJECT: EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY US CITIZEN,
MRS. DOROTHY WOOD.

REF : HALIFAX 0128

1. AUGUST 8 EDITION HALIFAX CHRONICLE-HERALD CARRIES STORY
DATELINED BRIDGEWATER ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WOOD
EXPROPRIATION CASE. AT AN INFORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE
AUGUST 7 DR DELORY, MINISTER OF LANDS AND FORESTS FOR
NOVA SCOTIA, CONFIRMED THAT HIS DEPARTMENT HAS NOW
RECEIVED A CLAIM FOR 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS FROM MRS
WOOD THROUGH HER HALIFAX LAWYER. IN ADDITION TO THE
BASIC PRICE TAG DR DELORY SAID THERE WERE OTHER
CONDITIONS MENTIONED IN THE CLAIM "WHICH DO NOT HAVE
A PRICE HANDLE AT THE PRESENT TIME".

2. THE NEWS REPORT STATES THAT THE PROPERTY IS
ASSESSED AT 90,000 DOLLARS AND APPRAISED AT 135,000
DOLLARS. THREE YEARS AGO WOOD FAMILY REPORTEDLY
APPEALED (APPARENTLY SUCCESSFULLY) A 100,000
DOLLAR ASSESSMENT PUT ON THE LAND BY THE LOCAL ASSESSOR.

3. THE GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED 135,000 DOLLARS FOR THE
LAND CONTINGENT ON MRS WOOD ESTABLISHING CLEAR TITLE
TO THE ESTATE OF 5,462 ACRES. DR DELORY IS QUOTED AS
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SAYING SOME WEEKS AGO THAT MANY ACRES OF QUEENS

COUNTY LAND DID NOT HAVE CLEAR TITLE AND IT WAS
POSSIBLE MRS WOOD COULD ONLY RIGHTFULLY CLAIM ABOUT
400 ACRES.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION DURING PRESS CONFERENCE
AS TO HOW HIS DEPARTMENT VIEWED MRS WOOD'S PRICE TAG,
DELORY SAID, "THE COURTS WILL NOW DECIDE WHAT THE
PROPER PRICE WILL BE FOR THE LAND".

5. LAST YEAR DELORY'S DEPARTMENT BUDGETED 100,000
DOLLARS FOR LAND ACQUISITION WHEREAS THIS YEAR THE
BUDGET FOR LAND PURCHASES IS 14 MILLION.
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